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SUBJECT: POLITICAL SITREP NO. 7
1. C-ENTIRE TEXT.
2. VIOLENCE.
-- SIX KILLINGS HAVE BEEN REPORTED BY THE POLICE SINCE YESTERDAY'S SITREP, INCLUDING:
-- AN ELDER COUPLE HACKED TO DEATH IN THEIR HOME BY INTRUDERS WIELDING MACHETES ON OCTOBER 25 IN THE ORANGE DISTRICT OF ST. JAMES.
-- ON OCTOBER 25 A MAN WALKING ALONG THE STREET IN MAROON
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TOWN, ST. JAMES, WAS GUNNED DOWNED BY UNIDENTIFIED MEN RIDING IN A CAR.
-- ON OCTOBER 26 A GROUP OF GUNMEN SHOT AND KILLED A MAN WALKING IN DOWNTOWN KINGSTON.
--GUNMEN SHOT AND KILLED A MECHANIC WORKING ON A CITY BUS ON ONE OF KINGSTON'S MAIN ROADS AT 3:30 P.M. ON OCTOBER 26.
-- POLICE REPORT CAPTURING AN M-1 ENFORCER AUTOMATIC RIFLE AND 24 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION IN THE DUHANEY PARK DEVELOP-MENT IN KINGSTON AREA.
-- PRIMIN MANLEY, CONDUCTING A "GONE CLEAR" SWING AROUND THE COAST OF JAMAICA, WAS REPORTEDLY FIRED ON BY TWENTY MEN WEARING JLP T-SHIRTS NEAR THE HOME OF PNP CANDIDATE ROY ROBINSON IN WESTERN HANOVER. AFTER THE INCIDENT, A CAR BELONGING TO THE JLP CANDIDATE IN THE AREA WAS STOPPED AND SEARCHED BY SECURITY FORCES BECAUSE IT HAD
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ALLEGEDLY BEEN INVOLVED IN AN EARLIER INCIDENT AT ROBINSON'S HOUSE.

3. POLITICAL DEVELOPMENTS:

-- THE JLP SAID OCTOBER 27 THAT IT HAD DISCOVE[illegible] A PLAN FOR BOGUS VOTING ON A MASSIVE SCALE IN THE OCT[illegible]0 ELECTIONS. ACCORDING TO GENERAL SECRETARY BRUC[illegible]ING, THE PLAN CALLS FOR IMPOSTERS TO VOTE EARLY IN TH[illegible]Y, BEFORE THE LEGITIMATE VOTER CAN GET TO THE POLLS. THE BOGUS VOTERS WILL CLAIM THEY HAVE LOST OR FORGOT TO BRING THEIR ENUMERATION SLIP AND WILL BE ABLE TO PROVIDE THE CORRECT ANSWERS TO THE QUESTIONS WHICH THE PRESIDING OFFICER IS AUTHORIZED TO ASK, HAVING BEEN COACHED BEFORE-HAND. THE QUESTIONS PERTAIN TO THE LEGITIMATE VOTER'S MOTHER'S MAIDEN NAME AND HER PLACE OF BIRTH. ACCORDING TO GOLDING, THIS INFORMATION ON VOTERS, IN SOME AREAS, WAS COPIED DOWN BY PNP SCRUTINEERS OF THE ENUMERATION

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PROCESS IN CONTRAVENTION OF THE REGULATIONS. THE ELECTORAL OFFICE, ACCORDING TO THE DAILY GLEANER OF OCTOBER 28, IS AWARE OF THE POSSIBILITY OF BOGUS VOTING AND IS TAKING STEPS TO PREVENT IT.

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-- MINISTER OF FINANCE AND PNP CANDIDATE FOR EAST KINGSTON AND PORT ROYAL HUGH SMALL CLAIMED IN A PRESS CONFERENCE ON OCTOBER 27 THAT HE AND HIS PARTY HAD BEEN FIRED ON BY JLP SUPPORTERS THAT MORNING AND THAT POLICE AND MILITARY OFFICERS WHO RESPONDED TO THE INCIDENT HAD DISPLAYED BIAS AGAINST THE PNP BY FORCING SMALL AND HIS SUPPORTERS OUT OF THEIR CARS. HE QUESTIONED THE ABILITY OF THE MILITARY HIGH COMMAND TO CONTROL THE ACTIONS OF ITS FORCES, ESPECIALLY IN AREAS SUCH AS HIS WHERE ONE OF THE CONTENDERS IS A FORMER MEMBER OF THE SECURITY FORCES.

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--MINISTER OF INDUSTRY AND COMMERCE AND PNP CANDIDATE FOR NORTH WEST ST ANDREW CARLYLE DUNKLEY, SPEAKING BEFORE THE ANNUAL CONVENTION OF THE NATIONAL WORKERS UNION, CHARGED THAT THE WEAPONS BEING USED IN JAMAICA BY POLITICAL ACTIVISTS ARE COMING FROM THE US. DUNKELY SAID THAT WHILE THE SALE OF GUNS WAS LEGAL IN THE US THIS WAS NOT THE CASE IN JAMAICA AND THAT THE MATTER WOULD HAVE TO BE TAKEN UP WITH THE US AUTHORITIES AFTER THE ELECTIONS.
--THE ELECTORAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE HAS BEEN RUNNING AN ADVERTISEMENT ON TELEVISION FOR THE LAST FEW DAYS WHICH REASSURES VOTERS THAT THERE WILL BE ADEQUATE SECURITY AT ALL POLLING PLACES ON ELECTION DAY AND THAT THEY MAY EXERCISE THEIR DEMOCRACTIC RIGHTS WITHOUT FEAR.
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-- THE PNP ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER (#) THAT A MEMBER OF THE SWEDISH SOCIALIST PARTY AND THE SOCIALIST INTERNATIONAL, LEONARD GESHER (PHONETIC) IS IN JAMAICA AS A GUEST OF THE PNP TO OBSERVE THE ELECTIONS.
-- TEN RUGER RIFLES OF SOUTH KOREAN MANUFACTURE 12,000 ROUNDS OF AMMUNITION AND INSTRUCTION BOOKLETS WERE FOUND ON THE RUNWAY AT SANGER INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT IN MONTEGO BAY, FOLLOWING A REPORT BY TRANS JAMAICA THAT THERE WAS DEBRIS ON THE RUNWAY. TWO BAGS CONTAINING THE EQUIPMENT REPORTEDLY FELL FROM AN AIRCRAFT BELONGING TO THE ATHOL CONSTRUCTION COMPANY OF MONTEGO BAY WHICH HAD ARRIVED FROM MIAMI. TWO JAMAICANS ABOARD THE AIRCRAFT HAVE BEEN DETAINED BY THE POLICE WHO HAVE PROMISED A FULL PUBLIC REPORT SHORTLY. (WE UNDERSTAND

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THE CONSTRUCTION COMPANY IS OWNED BY A PERSON BELIEVED TO BE A JLP ACTIVIST IN MONTEGO BAY).

- COURT OF APPEALS HANDED DOWN A JUDGEMENT ON OCTOBER 24 REGARDING THE VALIDITY OF MINISTER OF NATIONAL SECURITY DUDLEY THOMPSON'S ELECTION TO PARLIAMENT. IN A BY-ELECTIONS IN 1976 THE COURT SUPPORTED THOMPSON'S CONTENTION THAT THE VALIDTY OF HIS ELECTION COULD NOT BE CHALLENGED BY COMMON LAW JURISDICTION AS IT HAD BEEN BUT COULD PROPERLY BE RAISED ONLY IN A ELECTION PETITION THE COURT ALSO RULED, HOWEVER THAT THE GOVERNOR GENERAL HAD NO POWER TO REVOKE THE FIRST NOMINATION DAY FOR THE BY ELECTION AND ESTABLISH ANOTHER ONE. IN EFFECT, THE RULING MEANS THAT WHILE THOMPSON'S ELECTION WAS INVALID IT HAD NOT BEEN PROPERLY CHALLENGED.

-- OPPOSITION LEADER EDWARD SEAGA COMPLETED THE JLP'S PORTION OF A SERIES OF FREE POLITICAL PRESENTATIONS ON THE JAMAICA BROADCASTING CORPORATION (JBC) ON OCTOBER 27, SEAGA CALLED THE ELECTIONS THE MOST CRUCIAL IN JAMAICA'S HISTORY, CLAIMING THAT FOR THE FIRST TIME THE ELECTORATE

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HAD A CLEAR CHOICE BETWEEN POLITICAL IDEOLOGIES HE CLAIMED THAT THE GOVERNING PNP WAS DOMINATED BY MARXISTS WHO WOULD BRING COMMUNISM ALIEN IDEOLOGY TO JAMAICA IF THEY WERE SELECTED. THE OPPOSITION LEADER THEN LAUNCHED INTO A REVIEW OF HIS NOW FAMILIAR CHARGE THAT THE PNP HAS RUN THE WORST MANAGED GOVERNMENT IN THE CARIBBEAN. SEAGA CLAIMED THAT THE JLP HAD BEEN CALLED ON TO STEER JAMAICA THROUGH ITS MOST DIFFICULT PERIODS IN THE PAST AND WAS THE BEST EQUIPPED PARTY TO SOLVE JAMAICA'S PRESENT ECONOMIC TROUBLES. THE OPPOSITION LEADER SAID THAT THE COUNTRY WAS ON THE VERGE OF BANK-RUPTCY AND WARNED THAT IT WOULD BE A HARD CHRISTMAS FOLLOWED BY SEVERAL YEARS OF HARDSHIP BEFORE THE ECONOMY COULD BE RIGHTED. THE JLP SPOKESMAN ASSURED THOSE WHO OPPOSED HIM THAT HIS PARTY WOULD GUARANTEE EQUAL RIGHTS AND JUSTICE FOR ALL AND THAT THERE WOULD BE NO RECRIMINATIONS AGAINST THOSE WHO HAD SUPPORTED THE PNP GOVERNMENT. PRIME MINISTER MANLEY IS SCHEDULED TO SPEAK IN THIS FREE SLOT TONIGHT OCTOBER 28.

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